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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 15 February 1965

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: the situation regarding Vietnam, wrap up of current developments relating to the second ChiCom nuclear test, resignation of the Cabinet in Sudan, Cyprus, resignation of Inonu in Turkey, Communist capture of strategic position in Northern Laos, anti-US demonstrations in Indonesia.

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DDS&T asked for guidance on briefing [redacted]

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[redacted] on our satellite activity.

DDS&T noted that he would be going to Boston for a meeting tonight. It was noted that [redacted] would be here next Tuesday.

DDS&T reported that there will be a difference of opinion in COMOR on SIGINT satellite requirements on a paper which will be before USIB next week. A briefing has been prepared on this subject to be given to the DCI and DDCI prior to USIB.

DDS noted that [redacted] have left SVN and the remainder will be out in the next 72 hours. Clerical openings are being filled by volunteers.

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Sherman Kent noted his discussions with Trinkl of DOD who is interested in changing the shape of military NIE's and IAP's.

General Carter referred to his weekend conversation with Governor Harriman. The General asked that Cline tell Harriman of his [ ] briefing and inform the Governor of other countries we have alerted to the forthcoming ChiCom test.

General Carter asked Jack Smith to needle the State Department, remind it that the indicators of a test are piling up, and that a statement appears desirable.

General Carter noted the commendatory letter to Mr. McCone from Secretary McNamara on the Soviet General Purpose Forces NIE.

General Carter referred to his discussion with General Blake concerning possible surfacing of SIGINT info [ ] This may require USIB consideration this week.

Noting that TACKLE operations over South China are imminent, General Carter said he wants to make certain that OSA and NPIC have had the fullest possible exchange of information. DDS&T assured him that the results of NPIC support will be attached to the flight tracks sent to General Carter for approval.

General Carter commended TS #629 -- Ambassador Martin's cable from Bangkok concerning Vietnam policy.

General Carter noted General Wheeler's statements about an item in the 14 February OCI memo on SVN. General Wheeler had indicated that the item could have been made more complete by checking the NMCC. Jack Smith said he would look into this.

General Carter reported that contrary to news accounts, there had been no high level meetings on Vietnam during the weekend.

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